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TO : Chief, EE

DATE: 9 October 1957

FROM : Chief, Munich Office

INFO: (COS)
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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational/UPSWING

SPECIFIC— 1958 UTILITY Visit to Headquarters

ACTION REQUIRED: See Paragraph 4

1. In keeping with the ASCHAM/UTILITY desires mutually expressed in their last two meetings, UTILITY is already beginning to talk about his 1958 visit to Headquarters. He speaks tentatively of February or March as a most suitable time from his point of view. This is partly influenced by his need to be on hand in Germany at the start of the new fiscal year on 1 April. In this connection and as part of his overall buttering-up of the Bundesrechnungshof he asks that the President of that monied body, Dr. Hertel—former chief of the Customs Police—be allowed to accompany him. All expenses for both parties would be paid by UPSWING. Possibly, wives would accompany.

2. Although it is too early to speak of any firm agenda at this time, such a visit would be centered chiefly around talks with Robert A. ASCHAM, [REDACTED], Fletcher M. Knight and [REDACTED]. Specific topics for discussion will probably jell between now and then, but will undoubtedly include RE cooperation, PP Activities, PM proposals, and the political situation in general. Certainly an item of value would be to arrange for UTILITY to meet with one or two high level ODACID or other important governmental officials as a means of broadening and influencing UTILITY vis-a-vis PBPRIME.

3. Regarding Hertel, it is not so easy to speculate. Judging from the difficulties involved in the proposed von Streit visit, Hertel's accompanying UTILITY may make the latter's visit to a large extent unmanageable. Please let us know your views on this so that we can inform UTILITY sufficiently ahead of time.

4. Despite UTILITY's intention to pay his own way as he goes it is deemed necessary that he be escorted especially in view of his continuing desire to travel under an assumed name and just for security reasons in general. For this purpose it is recommended that Headquarters agree in principle to this visit at least by UTILITY and that [REDACTED] be named the escort officer in view of [REDACTED]'s previous trip(s), his dropping out of the Liaison picture shortly after UTILITY will have returned, and [REDACTED]'s continuing ability to follow up on what may transpire during such a trip.

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